

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Events of Interest in and About the Departments.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS.

Official Changes in the Interior Department-General and Personal.

Special Telephone Counsel.—William C. Strawbridge of the patent law firm of Strawbridge & Taylor, Philadelphia, has been appointed special telephone counsel for the Interior Department.

Army Posts to be Abandoned.—Among the historic army posts selected for abandonment under the plan for the concentration of troops by regiments at large posts are Forts Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Union, New Mexico; and Fort Hayes, Kansas. The garrisons of these posts will be sent to Denver when the new post is established there next summer.

Inspection of Indian Supplies.—Lieutenant Abner Pickering, Second Infantry, has been detailed by General Crook to proceed from Fort Omaha to the Santee and Ponca agencies, Nebraska, to inspect and report upon a large number of horses and cows and a quantity of building material purchased under contract by the Indian Bureau for the Indians at those agencies.

White House Callers.—Among the callers at the White House to-day were Speaker Carlisle, Senator Jones of Arkansas, Representative Mills, King, Starn, T. J. Campbell, Clifton, Frederick, Randall, Felix Campbell, Plumb, Eldridge, McAdoo, Ward and Scott, Admiral Jago, General Secretary Thompson of the Treasury, and the Hon. Auditor of the Treasury, General Walter S. Newberry, Inspector of Customs, and Dr. J. F. Ferguson of New York.

Veterans at the White House.—When the President entered the East Room this afternoon he found a delegation from the United Veterans Union waiting to pay their respects. Comrade Dillon introduced the delegation, among whom were Mr. W. W. White, the well-known ball player, and Mr. J. H. White, his brother. The President, who was seated on the sofa, greeted the delegation with a friendly smile. "My father's sir," spoke up young White, and this apt reply tickled the crowd immensely.

Interior Department Changes.—Patent Office.—Appointments: Mrs. Isabelle DeC. Pickett, Virginia, copyist at \$800 under the civil service rules. Resignation: Miss Eliza Sanderson, District of Columbia, copyist at \$800, to accept a transfer to the Treasury Department. Office of Pension.—Promotions: Mrs. J. W. Wyckoff, New York, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Mrs. Julia A. Holmes, deceased; Mrs. Lucia J. K. Clark, Minnesota, \$1,000 to \$1,200; Mrs. Fannie S. Crosby, Illinois, \$800 to \$1,000. Pension Office.—Appointments: Thomas G. Whitcomb, Maine, and Douglas H. Kincaid, New York, clerks at \$1,000 under the civil service rules.

Minor and Personal.

John H. Allen of Maine declines a \$900 clerkship in the Dead-End office.

The resignation of Martin S. Chandler, Secretary of the General Land Office, has been accepted by the President.

The Secretary of State has recommended to Congress that some relief be afforded to the widow of the late Moses A. Hopkins, Minister to Liberia.

The Secretary of the Treasury has estimated that the collection of the revenue for the next fiscal year will require the employment of 4,083 persons at an aggregate salary of \$5,520,878. This amount will be increased to \$6,400,781 by the addition of \$879,903 for the prevention of fraud, etc.

General Ward B. Burnett, whose accrued pension money was ordered to be paid by the Pension Office, is now confronted with an order to the contrary by Commissioner of Pensions, and seems to think that she is put to a good deal of unnecessary trouble in getting her just dues.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Washington People, Visitors, and Others Well Known.

—HENRY L. NELSON of New York is at Chamberlain's.

—REAR ADMIRAL DONALD MCNEIL FAIRMAN returned to the city this morning from Norfolk, and is at his home, No. 1341 I street.

—LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. EMMETT, Jr., U. S. Navy, is at his residence, No. 1391 Connecticut avenue, from New York, to remain a week.

—AMONG Washington arrivals in New York yesterday were General W. W. Belmont, Governor of New York, and General E. A. Starling at the Grand.

—LIEUTENANT WILLIAM S. COWLES, U. S. Navy, who succeeded to the command of the Dispatch last morning, is at his home, No. 1502 Twentieth street.

Real Estate Transferred.

The Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company has conveyed to Frances W. Lowrey for \$11,500, lot 114 and part of 113, square 28, on Fourteenth, between Corcoran and Street.

C. J. Croft of Philadelphia has bought of Mary J. C. Throp for \$12,354, lot 8, square 154, on North Hampshire avenue, between E and S streets.

Wm. Galt has sold to C. A. Sauter for \$15,000, part of lot 28, square 20, on Ninth, between G and H streets.

Nora C. Sneed has bought of P. R. Daily for \$5,700, parts of sublots 27 and 28, square 278, on S between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets.

Samuel Simmons has purchased from Wm. Galt for \$7,400, part of lot 28, square 278, on H between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest.

H. H. Warner has conveyed to Washington McLean for \$9,200, part of lot 8, square 10, on Pennsylvania street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

Mr. Joseph H. Bradley has sold to M. W. Croft for \$20,000, his farm of 393 acres on the Brookville road.

M. C. Hill has bought of W. H. Brown and G. H. R. White, of New York, and A. W. Crane, for \$10,120, seven lots and a part of a lot in block 10, Meridian Hill.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: Wm. P. Corcoran and Mary E. Twomey; Oscar Robinson and Priscilla Campbell; Charles F. Butler and Evelyn Hamilton; and Mary A. Wood and Mary A. Rabitt; Charles A. Monroe and Naumie H. Benton, both of Loudoun County, Va.; William Harris and Mary A. Gallagher; Hughes and Mary Parker; James Williams and Julia Byrne, both of Wiltshire, Va.; Patrick Connors and Annie E. J. Baugher; and Savannah Glavin, both of Madison County, Va.; Henry Stewart and Mary Miller; Sam Hill and Annie Lacey; Lawrence Holley and Mary A. Gallagher; James B. Simms and Fannie M. Boush.

The Mrs. Logan Fund.

Another investment in 4 per cents was made for Mrs. Logan to-day, making \$30,000 thus far placed in her hands. This will give an income of \$1,200 per annum, even if everything else fails, and the subscriptions are nearing the \$60,000 milestone.

SOCIAL AND SEMI-SOCIAL.

The dinner given last night by the President and Mrs. Cleveland in honor of the Cabinet was the first state banquet at which Mrs. Cleveland has presided. Added to this fact the presence of another bride, Mrs. Lamar, and the other distinguished guests, Governor and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, made the occasion an especially notable one.

The formal dinner of the first room has not been surpassed, save at the President's wedding. The windows and west mantle were banked with foliage plants, the triple east window being hidden behind a tall and nodding mass of green, graceful ferns and palms, rising from a bed of moss.

The west mantle were covered with floral mosaics, being principally red and white camellias, roses sprayed with valley lilies and orchids, and fringed with pommetta leaves and ferns. The state dinner table was equally elaborate, the mantle holding a solid mass of gay flowers, edged with pendant roses. In the window niches were set azaleas in full white bloom.

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IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The Commissioners Charged with Gross Violations of Law.

AN INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

A Memorial from the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE BILL.

It Passes the House To-day by a Vote of 210 to 41.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Colquitt presented a memorial from the Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city, severely denunciatory of the District Commissioners for their alleged unlawful and reckless license of gambling, saloons, pool-rooms, drinking saloons, and dens of prostitution.

THE REPORT URGED.

Mr. Blaine Did Not Blame Mr. Dawes for Capturing the Democrats.

Two Vessels From New York Without Passengers.

THE SENATORSHIP.

Ex-Senator Padonck Elected in Nebraska-Senator Arthur Keckelbeck.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 21.—The Democrats at their caucus last night agreed to stand by Turpie, but it was reported that Robinson, the Greenback-Labor member, had made up his mind to vote for Gray, in which case the situation might be materially changed.

The House.

After the reading of the Journal to-day the House adopted the conference report on the Interstate Commerce bill, by a vote of 210 to 41. The negative votes were as follows:

Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

NATIONAL.—THOMAS LEE THORP, Virginia; J. Hamilton and N. H. Edgerton, Philadelphia; Albert B. Brown, New York; ST. JAMES.—W. F. Egan, Newark, N. J.; E. D. Payne, Chicago; A. G. Daniels, Minneapolis; W. Herbert, Philadelphia.

Bloodhounds for Robbers.

George Adams in Maine.

Mr. Cox Improving.

Another Letter-Box.

Up-town merchant said to a farmer: "A dollar will go further than it used to."

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LADIES BARRED OUT.

Unable to Gain Admission to the Emmons Lunacy Proceedings.

AN INDIGNANT THRONO.

Some Interesting Correspondence Regarding Mrs. Emmons' Dog.

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JERSEY CITY'S TRAGEDY.

Pinkerton's Guardsmen Fire at a Crowd of Unruly Boys.

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